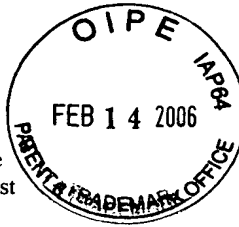


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Submitted herewith is a Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Official Action dated September 9, 2005. Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated September 9, 2005 for two months from December 9, 2005 to February 9, 2006.

Please charge the extension fee of \$450.00 to our Visa credit card. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

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